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TRIMBOLI MAKES 62 IN NCAA TOURNEY

Tony Trimboli paced Sacred Heart in its two-game appearance in the NCAA regional post-season tournament with a tourney high 62 points. Hector Olivencia added 26 and Carl Winfree chipped in with 28, although the men's varsity basketball team lost both to Assumption, 111-95, and the University of Hartford, 102-91, in the NCAA event.

The two losses placed the total record for the Pioneers at 20-8 for the regular season and the NCAA tournament combined. Although having a predominately Freshman-Sophomore quintet, SHU still managed to earn entry into the very select NCAA event on the basis of a gaudy 20-6 regular season mark.

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Milton Morgan, Bishop Curtis, Mrs. Robert A. Kidera and Tyler Baldwin, president of the SHU Regional Council, view one of the models in the Leonardo da Vinci exhibit in the University Library this winter which attracted nearly 5,000 spectators.

"JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR" SCHEDULED FOR MAY

"Jesus Christ Superstar," the rock musical by Webber and Rice, will be performed in Cabaret style two weekends in May, beginning with a special student preview Thursday, May 1, and continuing May 2, 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 8:30 p.m. in the university gymnasium.

A special Benefit performance for the Presidential scholarship program will highlight the series of performances, according to President Kidera and this will be presented Saturday, May 3, at 9:00 p.m. Further details will be announced.

"Superstar" went into rehearsal in mid-March under the direction of Claude McNeal, assisted by James Murphy, a student. In starring roles are Rick Walsh, a former SHU student from Westport; Patricia Hemenway, SHU alumna and Bob Fallon, a student from Darien.

NBA HEAD, BUSINESS EXECUTIVE NAMED TO UNIVERSITY BOARD

Walter Kennedy, current National Basketball Association Commissioner and former Stamford mayor, and Victor R. Coudert, Jr., head of Coudert Associates of Greenwich, have been added to the University Board of Trustees.

Mr. Kennedy, who served terms as Stamford mayor and has been associated with basketball nearly 50 years, was outstandingly successful in expanding the NBA from nine to its present eighteen teams since he took over in 1963. He developed network television coverage and his leadership helped enable total season attendance to rise between 1963 and 1973.

Recognized nationally and internationally for his professional athletic leadership, he has received a large number of awards including

the Knight of St. Gregory Award from Pope Paul VI. He has been active as a leader on the Connecticut higher educational scene having been chairman of board of trustees for state colleges and a member of the Commission for higher education. Named "Citizen of the Year" in his native Stamford in 1961, he has been extremely active there.

He has also held leadership posts in the sportwriting and broadcasting fields. He is married and the Kennedys have three children. He received a B.A. degree from Notre Dame University and continued graduate studies at Notre Dame, Yale and New York Universities.

Mr. Coudert formed his own firm, Coudert Associates, in January, (continued on page 2)

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert A. Kidera
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In past years, whenever the time came to announce an increase in tuition, we felt an obligation to go into great detail as to the reasons behind the decision, justifying every dollar of the increase.

Last month, when announcing the tuition increase of \$50 per semester voted by the Trustees for next fall, we found ourselves in the unusual position of explaining why the increase was so modest, when compared to tuition increases of \$250 to \$450 a year announced by the other private Connecticut colleges.

We found it necessary to remind our students and their parents that the amount of tuition charged does not necessarily reflect the quality of the education offered, but more often reflects the manner in which an institution was established and how it is operated.

The founding Trustees committed Sacred Heart University to providing a quality, value-oriented education at the lowest tuition possible. This institution has no expensive dormitories or eating facilities, with heavy mortgages to amortize; this institution rents the major share of its buildings from the Diocese of Bridgeport at a very modest cost, thus avoiding the construction of many new buildings or the acquisition of expensive land.

At the same time, the innovative character of Sacred Heart University has attracted many outstanding laymen and laywomen to the faculty and administration, eager and willing to dedicate themselves at less remuneration than they would expect to receive at other institutions.

An important factor also has been the increased gift and grant support received by Sacred Heart University. This past year, income from these sources totalled well over \$400,000.

Because of this commitment to make a college education available to many young people of this area, who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend college, the Trustees have insisted on frugal administration and close fiscal control. In today's runaway inflation and declining economy, this insistence has paid off by avoiding debilitating deficits affecting so much of American higher education.

Though forced to increase tuition to meet rising costs of salaries and operations, Sacred Heart University seeks to remain true to the goals of its founders of maintaining the lowest tuition rate possible through streamlined management, the dedication of its staff and faculty, and the voluntary support of friends and alumni.



S.B. 426 PROPOSED TO HELP INDEPENDENT COLLEGES

Although the Governor's budget was unable to include any funds above the approximately three million dollars allocated to the state's independent colleges for scholarship aid to Connecticut students attending them, a bill signed by several legislators and known as Senate Bill 426 was advanced by the General Assembly's education committee to try to advance total funding for the program to the \$4.5 million recommended initially by the Commission for Higher Education.

The Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, while expressing disappointment over the failure of the Governor's budget to include the funds initially, did note that several presidents of such institutions met with the Governor prior to issuance of her budget and indicated that she advised them she would not oppose legislative efforts to advance such funding above last year's level through the appropriate legislative process.

As a result, the independent colleges have been contacting legislators on behalf of the legislation and the process currently is continuing.

SHU ANNOUNCES MODEST INCREASE IN TUITION

A modest increase in tuition for the 1975-76 year was announced recently by President Kidera. To go into effect beginning September 1, the \$50 per semester rise for full-time students would bring tuition from the present \$900 to \$950 a semester, or \$1,900 for the 1975-76 academic year. Part-time, summer and evening student categories would also rise \$5 from their present levels effective the same date.

However, he noted financial aid will be increased to cushion the impact of the increase in hardship cases.

In a letter to parents, President Kidera noted that while inflationary pressures forced the modest increases to maintain the quality of instruction and services at SHU, it will be able to do so at a rate far below the other private colleges in this area.

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1974 which acts as Consultant and broker in the pulp and paper industry. Prior to that time, he was executive vice president and director of the Montmorency Paper Company, of New York City.

Active in both political and Catholic educational circles in the state of Connecticut, he has been a member of the Governor's Commission on aid to nonpublic education and a founding director of the Greenwich Catholic Elementary School system. He was formerly active in Greenwich and State Republican fund-raising.

Mr. Coudert is immediate past president of the Association of American Wood Pulp Importers. He is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Yale University and Harvard Business School.

Mr. Coudert is married and the Couderts have seven children.



Welcoming Dean Laudelina Martinez (center), new director of continuing education and assistant dean at Sacred Heart University, are, left to right, Dr. Charles E. Ford, academic vice president and dean; Miss Rachel Wilbanks, personal and career counselor; Arthur J. Brissette, former assistant dean and director of continuing education, who is now returning to full time teaching; and Robert A. Kidera, president of the University. Mr. Brissette was congratulated and thanked for his past efforts in developing the program.



President Kidera shows outline of proposals to cooperate more fully with Diocesan School administrators in attracting Catholic Secondary schools to Sacred Heart University to Dr. Dorthea, S.N.D., principal of Central Catholic high school, Norwalk; Bishop Walter W. Curtis, Sister Marion Rielly, S.N.D., principal, Notre Dame Catholic high school; and Brother Nicholas Caffrey, principal, St. Joseph high school.

Campus Reports

"Connecticut Tradition: 200 years of Printmakers" is taking place until May 11 in the university's Round Room Gallery. Part of the University Bicentennial Observance, the Printmaker's show is partially supported by a grant from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts through the Connecticut Foundation for the Arts.

Several interesting and well received Spring Semester convocations have included actor Jan Leighton's recreation of George Washington through his letters; a presentation by Gary Paul Gates, co-author of "The Palace Guard"; an appearance by author Max Gunther and the April 6 appearance of The Hartford Ballet Chamber Ensemble in the auditorium.

The Catholic Peace Fellowship of Reconciliation conducted its Eleventh Annual New England Regional Conference April 11-12 at the University hosted by the campus ministry and involving student and faculty participation.

The University acted as host to Connecticut Classic Arts for an exhibit of works by Connecticut traditional artists and also as a co-sponsor and host for a program on Privacy and Right to Know laws sponsored by the American Association of University Women and involving further co-sponsorship by the Higher Education Center for Urban Studies.

An advisory committee composed of recognized area attorneys and a practitioner in para-legal work has been formed to develop the highly successful legal assistant program instituted by Sacred Heart University.

Deborah Connolly was crowned Winter Weekend Queen as the highlight of a three-week celebration.

Winners in the Annual Rycenga Rhetoric Contest were Jonathan W. Tarasovich, William Lane and Mary L. Moriarity.

Marketing majors from 11 colleges and universities in Southern Connecticut met recently on campus at a meeting hosted by George Miller, assistant professor of business.

Special Lenten Liturgical celebrations were offered by the campus ministry on significant occasions during the Lenten-Easter season. The Rev. John Giuliani, chaplain and Sister Kathleen Deignan, C.N.D., associate chaplain, were coordinators.

Dr. Ralph Corrigan, chairman of English, has offered a free non-credit writing clinic to SHU students and members of the Bridgeport community which has attracted popular interest.

Unique advanced course offering for the past spring semester included Natural Resource Management, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Mystery of Death, Seminar in Women's Studies and a course in Interior Design.

A number of senior citizens 62 years and older are attending the University under the 17/62 program and several are taking for credit or auditing a course in the dramatic arts offered by Professor Claude McNeal.

Radio Station WSHU is actively seeking community support for continued financing through a membership campaign and the station may be contacted for details.

The Management Center at SHU offered seminars for managers in personnel supervision, and applied behavioral science. In addition, the CPA Candidate Review Course for the CPA examinations is being offered.

Various performances of the popular "Cabaret Theater" and Story Theater have been taking place for various groups within the community.

TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE AT UNIVERSITY

Laudelina Martinez has been named director of continuing education and assistant dean succeeding Arthur J. Brissette who was returned to full-time teaching in accounting. Mrs. Sofi H. Kapadia, a native of Bombay, India, was named to the newly created post of director of purchasing and personnel.

Dean Martinez has been director of special projects in the School of New Resources at the College of New Rochelle where she specialized in community service and counseling programs. She earned a Bachelor's degree at New Rochelle, pursued summer studies at the University of Puerto Rico and Bank Street College of Education, and earned an M.A. degree from Fordham where she is a candidate for the doctorate.

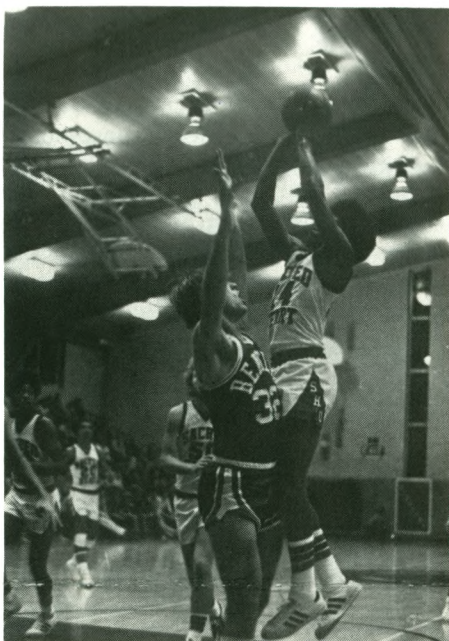
Mrs. Kapadia earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at St. Xavier's College, Bombay, and at the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies of that institution where she earned a Master of Management Studies degree in personnel. She has also taken further studies in various aspects of personnel work and was employed by the Kamani Engineering Corporation, Ltd., Bombay for more than five years as personnel officer.

STUDENT INTERSHIPS FLOURISH AT UNIVERSITY

This semester, 133 students are participating in various internship programs designed to combine practical training opportunity with classroom instruction to provide academic credit.

Internship programs include the following: 33 students in student teaching; 28 in secretarial internships; 21 interning with social agencies; 17 in accounting internships in firms and offices; two students in urban studies internships; and 32 involved in interning with psychological agencies or services. Most students are juniors and seniors.

Noting the large percentage of full-time students so engaged, President Kidera said that "such opportunities, in general, not only assist students in acquiring direct work experience to meet their degree requirements but also will assist several of them in future placement situations where previous employment experience is most important."



In the season's big surprise, game, Carl Winfree, SHU scoring sensation, outmaneuvers a Bentley college opponent as the Pioneers upset the then undefeated and No. 1 regionally ranked Bentley college five, 91-88, in a stunning upset victory.

The shooting of Carl Winfree, Tony Trimboli and Hector Olivencia paced the Pioneers. But an ability for key defensive play plus the capacity to rattle the opposition with close guarding and ball stealing tactics turned several apparent defeats into last minute victories. Men's varsity basketball at Sacred Heart, with primarily Freshmen and Sophomores furnishing the muscle, looks in excellent shape for 1976-77.

OTHER ATHLETIC NEWS

Women's basketball, coached by Mickey Stratton, had 6 victories in 14 games reported as of March 12 in the initial season of play. Opponents included Connecticut College, University of Bridgeport, Fairfield University, Eastern and Western Connecticut state colleges, University of New Haven and St. Francis of Brooklyn. Lori Jones, Julie Vaikutis and Regina Wright starred and prospects look good for next year.

Coach Pete DiOrio's baseball team planned to conduct an 11-day March pre-season spring training tour in the San Francisco Bay area and were scheduled to meet several different West Coast opponents during that period. The regular season was scheduled to start at home April 2 and will end May 10 with coming highlights to include a May 3-4 weekend program of double headers at home against Siena and Stonehill at SHU field.

SHU IS 20-6: INVITED TO NCAA REGIONALS

Coach Don Feeley's Pioneers, who earned their fifth straight post-seasonal invitation to a tournament this year as an entry in the NCAA Regional competition (see article on Page 1), won both the Squires and Holiday tourneys during the regular campaign. The regular season record was an impressive 20-6 one. Highlight of the 1975-76 campaign was topping No. 1 regionally ranked Bentley, 91-88.

Other victims included New Haven, Pace, St. Anselm's, AIC, Marist (twice), Keane State, Clarkson, St. Michael, Stoneybrook, Trenton, Merrimack College, Stonehill, Adelphi, Jersey City, Brooklyn and Tufts. The Pioneers split with UB and Quinnipiac. The UB victory provided the Holiday Classic championship, while only other losses involved were to Central Connecticut, Siena, C. W. Post, and Southern Connecticut.

PARENTS, ALUMNI FUNDS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

Both Parents and Alumni fund efforts far exceeded initial expectations, according to Joseph R. Burkart, assistant to the president for development.

The parent quota of \$5,000 was more than realized by March 12 with 53 per cent of those contacted either responding affirmatively or indicating a later possible favorable decision and \$5,700 already pledged. Chairman Thomas Kennedy II and his committee have been engaged in continued follow-up contact which will probably raise the final level.

The Alumni fund, chairmanned by Charles Rizzo, will probably surpass the \$12,000 quota established since on March 12 more than 600 alumni (or more than 25 per cent of the total body) had already pledged \$10,200 — far above the 16 per cent rate of 1974. Best news, however, was that only about half of the alumni had been contacted.

DEAN REPORTS QUALITY PROGRESS IN ADMISSIONS

In a February interview, William J. Dean, director of admissions, reported progress in the quality of entering students.

Mr. Dean indicated that quintile scores, designed to rank entering Freshmen academically, during the years 1964-73 showed a very high level of improvement with students in the first quintile going from 2.2 per cent to 21.6 per cent in Freshman enrollment and second quintile ranking from 18.7 to 28.2 per cent.

He also indicated that the university had experienced significant gains both in applications and deposit payments from prospective full-time students seeking Fall, 1975 admissions over a comparable period for the 1974-75 year despite adverse economic trends.

He attributed much of the admissions situation improvement to a successful admissions "packaging arrangement" whereby prospective applicants to the University, eligible for presidential scholarships, were invited to a number of University events and orientation activities before starting college and able to use CLEP testing and other programs to shorten their degree time.

He cited the University's academic reputation, a desire to remain at home, the development of challenging programs excellent for career preparation, community activities and very competitive financial cost compared with other private universities and colleges in the region as major factors in turning around the full-time University admissions situation.

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